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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO, SA

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY JORDANIAN ARMS DELIVERIES TO YAR--  
SULTAN'S MISGIVINGS

REF: STATE 138643

1. WE HAVE WORD THROUGH RELIABLE CHANNEL THAT MINDEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN HAS BEEN ASKED FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE OF JORDANIAN C-130 ENROUTE YEMEN. SULTAN COMMENTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THIS WAS FOR AND THAT IF IT IS FOR DELIVERY OF WEAPONS TO YEMEN HE BELIEVES MATTER IS NOT BEING PROPERLY COORDINATED. IN SULTAN'S OPINION ANY JORDANIAN SHIPMENTS SHOULD BE SENT BY TRUCK TO JIDDA WHERE SAUDI ARMY WOULD THEN SUPPLY TRUCKS WHICH CAN, IF DESIRED, CARRY MATERIAL ON TO YAR. SULTAN REPORTED TO HAVE COMMENTED JORDANIANS CAN, IF THEY WISH, SEND GUARD ALONG WITH EACH TRUCK. HIS THEORY IS THAT SHIPMENT BY AIR LIABLE ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION.

2. FOREGOING INDICATES TO US THAT WITH REGARD EQUIPMENT SUPPLYING EFFORTS GOJ NEITHER JORDANIANS NOR YAR HAVE CLEARED OPERATION FULLY WITH SAUDIS. I AM, F COURSE, INTENDING BACK UP JORDANIAN AND YAR EFFORTS AND WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRINCE SULTAN AT MEETING I AM

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SEEKING JULY 19. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE AMMAN AND

SANAA RECHECKING AND STRONGLY URGING JORDANIANS AND  
YEMENIS MAKE EVERY EFFORT CLEAR THEIR LINES WITH SAUDIS.  
IF THIS NOT DONE PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY, I FEAR WE  
RUN RISK ANTAGONIZING SULTAN WITH CONSEQUENT  
ILL EFFECTS FOR SUBSEQUENT YAR-SAUDI COLLABORATION IN  
MILITARY AFFAIRS.  
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